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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American barreled apples on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, December 17, were on the whole lower than last week, with the exception of Virginia Yorks and Massachusetts Baldwins, which made about the same prices as last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Boxed Winesaps made about the same prices as last week with Newtowns selling a little below last week's levels. In the aggregate, supplies of barreled apples were moderate but of the individual varieties only Virginia Yorks, New York Rhode Island Greenings and Massachusetts Baldwins were in moderate supply. The remainder of the barreled varieties were in light supply. Inquiry was slower than last week. Buyers were mainly interested in highly colored fruit. The market was weaker for the light basket stocks. Owing to the unsatisfactory prices a large percentage of the boxed offerings were withdrawn from the auction. Prices paid for Washington Winesaps were similar to last week but Oregon Newtowns were lower.

Pear prices were generally lower at both Liverpool and London than last week. Supplies were liberal in both markets. Demand was slower than last week. At Liverpool some over ripe parcels were in evidence. Considerable quantities of pears were withdrawn from the London market until next week. A large share of the Oregon Boscs offered at London were in poor condition and were sold at \$0.79 to \$1.22 per box.

London apple prices were on slightly lower levels than last week and somewhat below the prices ruling at Liverpool. Supplies of American apples were moderate. Inquiry for barrels was slower than last week. Demand was dull for high grade boxed apples. As at Liverpool, the trade was interested in highly colored fruit among the barreled offerings. Many boxed apple lots were withdrawn from the auction to be sold next week.

Mr. Motz reports that the tone of the market at present is disappointing, which may be due to the low British purchasing power. Some American apples are being reshipped from the Continent to the United Kingdom. The continental demand for American pears is easing up, according to Mr. Motz. Spanish orange shipments show considerable decline. The political situation in Spain is interfering seriously with the packing of oranges for export. Shipping possibilities are regarded as uncertain. South African peaches are now arriving in the United Kingdom and selling at low prices.

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## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool		London	
	1929	1930	1930	
	Dec. 18	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 17
APPLES	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.:				
U.S. No. 1 2 inch minimum	-	5.84-6.33	5.84-6.33	5.84-6.08
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	6.33-6.81	6.81-7.30	7.18-7.66	6.81-7.30
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	-	6.81-7.79	7.30-7.79	-
U.S. Commercial 2 inch min.	-	5.60-6.08	5.84-6.08	5.60-5.96
U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	5.84-6.33	6.08-6.57	5.84-6.33	5.84-6.08
U.S. Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	5.72-6.08	5.84-6.33	3.89-4.38
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	4.87-5.35	5.68-6.81	4.38-4.87	-
Stayman, Va.:				
U.S. No. 1 2 inch minimum	-	5.84-6.33	4.87-5.35	5.35-5.84
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	6.57-7.06	5.60-6.08	-
Ben Davis, Va.:				
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	6.08-6.33	5.47-5.96	-
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	4.38-4.87	-	5.35-5.60	4.38-4.87
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.:				
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	-	5.35-5.60	6.08
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	-	6.81-6.93	5.84-6.33	-
Baldwin, N. Y.:				
Comb No. 1 and Com. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. min.	-	a/5.84-6.57	4.87-5.35	-
U.S. Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	-	6.57-6.69	4.14-4.38	-
Baldwin, Massachusetts:				
U.S. No. 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	-	7.30	6.81-7.30	-
BOXES:				
Winesap, Washington:				
Extra Fancy 150/175	2.98-3.16	2.68	2.43	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.68-2.92	-	2.31	-
Romes, Washington:				
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	-	2.31-2.49	2.43-2.55	-
Newtown, Oregon:				
Extra Fancy 150/175	3.89-4.14	2.80-3.10	2.68-2.86	2.43-2.68
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	3.65-3.89	2.68-2.80	2.49-2.68	2.55-2.80
Fancy 150/175	3.77-4.08	2.68	2.55-2.62	2.19-2.49
Fancy 188/smaller	3.47-3.71	2.55-2.68	2.49	2.19-2.43
Delicious, Oregon:				
Fancy 150/175	3.53	-	2.43	-
Newtowns, Calif.:				
Fancy 150/175	-	-	2.37	2.25-2.31
Fancy 188/smaller	-	-	2.07-2.31	2.19-2.25
PEARS				
Kieffer, N. Y. Barrels	-	6.33-7.30	5.35-5.84	2.92-4.38
Kieffer, N. Y. Baskets	-	2.19-2.43	2.19	1.70-1.82
BOXES:				
Winter Nelis, Wash. Ex. Fancy	b/2.68-3.71	-	2.31-2.55	2.43-2.49
Comice, Ore. Extra Fancy	b/3.89-4.87	3.41-4.14	3.77-3.89	-
Anjou, Ore. Extra Fancy	b/2.92-3.65	3.16-3.28	3.16	-
Bosc, Ore. Extra Fancy	-	2.43-2.68	2.43	2.25-2.55
Comice, Ore. Fancy	b/3.89-4.87	1.89-2.37	3.41-3.65	-
Bosc, Ore. Fancy	-	2.25-2.55	2.31	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/Combination No. 1 and Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  inch minimum. b/Grade not given.